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had not cleared six feet of space before a Cooper's Hawk, that had been sitting in the bushes just above the snipe's stamping ground, was in full chase, one can imagine how quick and watchful the hawk must have been. The snipe let himself out for all he knew in flying but as they passed me at about thirty yards distance the hawk seemed to be gaining rapidly, although to all appearances not flying half as fast as the snipe. The hawk appeared to get within three feet of his prey when I was completely astonished by his sheering off the line of flight, and sailing gracefully round to return from whence he came, giving up the hunt just as his prey seemed within his grasp. He sailed by me as he came back within easy shot, but I let him go. I thought he deserved his life after his disappointment.

I gather from the foregoing experience that Cooper's Hawk has to work hard for a living and is subject to many bitter disappointments. Also that he flies about twice as fast as he appears to, when pursuing other birds.

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## JULY PRIZE QUESTIONS.

Last July's "Ten Prize Questions" were not so earnestly contested for as the preceeding ones and we have decided to drop them altogether. Following is a list of the winners and the prizes they received :

Mr. Chas. E. Cram, Davenport, Iowa, won the first prize, an egg of the Snowy Owl; the second prize, a set of eggs of the Carolina Chickadee, went to Mr. W. E. Burnett, Bradford, Pa., and the third prize, a copy of the O. & O. SEMI-ANNUAL, went to Mr. D. H. Van Pelt, Lansingburgh, N. Y.

We would be pleased to give a list of many other competitors worthy of mention, but space will not allow.